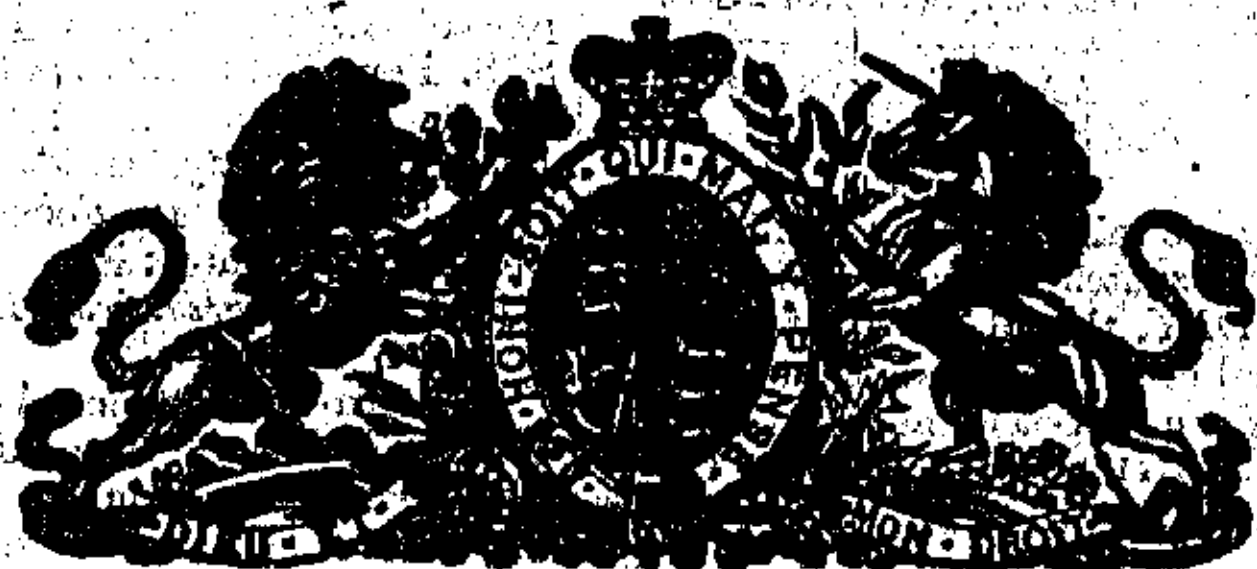


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## Banks.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, 1,200,000 Dollars.

**GOVERNMENT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.  
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**MANAGER.**  
London, BARRETT, London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

## ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

**RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.**  
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 12 " 5 " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2300,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 2150,000.

## THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

## THE CITY BANK.

## NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

**RATES of Interest Allowed on Deposits.**  
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On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, 2750,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 2150,560.10.

## THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

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**RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.**  
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Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount  
for approved short sight acceptances, 5 per cent. per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.  
E. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## For sale.

## RECENTLY ARRIVED.

## FOR SALE.

**TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.**

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.  
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MACASSAR RED FISH.

Very Fine **BOURBON WHISKY.**  
FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, IN BOTTLES OF ONE POUND.

BUSCK & Co.'s SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs., and 4 lbs.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD STORES.

EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

MACKEREL and SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

COD FISH, &c., &c.

HOTH'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

FROST BRO'S BEST ENGLISH WHITE LINES.

HENRY'S BEST GOVERNMENT NAVY CANVAS, Assorted Numbers.

INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING and INSERTION, all Sizes.

TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS HOSE and LEATHER BELTING.

AMERICAN ASH BOAT-OARS.

ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.

ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt. Each.

PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.

TENMAN'S and PLUMBER'S SOLDER.

LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.

FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES, from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.

MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

FLOUR SIEVES.

INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP BOOTS, &c., &c., &c.

**LANMERT, ATKINSON & CO.**  
Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## Intimations.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

## SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENDERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PREPARED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1868 will be Received at the Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licenses direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command, J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WITH Reference to the above Notification, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the GOVERNOR has been pleased to extend the period to which TENDERS will be Received to Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October.

By Command, J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after 1st September, RETAIL SALES of the Company's Manufactures will be Resumed at the REFINERY, East Point.

August 23, 1878.

## H. U. T. C. H. I. N. G. S.

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply B. E. F. HUTTON, &c., from the 1st of October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Esq. — WILKINSON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

THIN BLACK SUPERFINE, for Dress Suits.  
FANCY BLACK and BLUE CASHMERE, MELTONS, &c., for Morning Suits.  
HOME SPUN, FRIEZE, BEAVER, &c., for Ulsters.  
SUPERFINE BEAVER, &c., for Light Overcoats.

HOME SPUN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Suits and Trowersings.  
EXTRA THIN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Summer Suits and Trowersings.  
BLACK, BLUE, and COLOURED SERGES, for Suits.  
CORDS, STOCKINETTES and CASSIMERES, for Riding Trowers.

UNIFORMS, LACE, BUTTONS, &c., for H. B. M. Navy and U. S. Navy.

BULLOCK LANE'S SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.  
"S. B. H." The Finest OLD WHISKY ever imported.  
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SILBER LAMPS for Kerosine, in large assortment.

LAWN TENNIS SETS.  
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Cora's GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

Very Fine FRESH APPLES, for Box or per Dozen.  
Bass's DRAUGHT ALE.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**

Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

## HONGKONG RACE FUND.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to the HONGKONG RACE FUND will be Held at the Club, on THURSDAY, the 3rd October, 1878, at 4 o'clock p.m.

By Order, M. W. SAUNDERS, Lieut. R.A., Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE CITY HALL LIBRARY and MUSEUM will be CLOSED to the Public from the 2nd to the 30th SEPTEMBER NEXT. Residents wishing to refer to Books in the Library during that period can do so by Application to the Secretary.

By Order, H. L. DENNYNS, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of the TWENTY PER CENT. (20 %) of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AHOE and FOWUOW, leaving Hongkong September 16th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be TWO CENTS per Pound.

KYLE & BAIN.

Ice House, Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1878.

## HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

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**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**

Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be Held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1877, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1878.

## MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE."

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.  
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, AND TO H. I. H. THE GRAND DUCHE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE Spacious Premises being built especially for the production of Portraits and fitted up so as to command the best light throughout all the Hours of the Day is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 6 o'clock p.m., under the personal Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, who has introduced all the latest novelties.

## ENLARGEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.  
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

## NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that all BILLS against the British Bank "GLAMIS" will not be Paid unless approved and countersigned by us, and that we do not hold ourselves RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Captain, Officers or Crew.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents for the Owners of the British Bark "Glamis."

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, DR. EAST-LACE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER.

## CAUTION.

HAVING learned that Large Quantities of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA WATER have recently been imported to Hongkong, we caution the Public against purchasing any that does not bear the name "MURRAY & LANMAN" on the label.

Each Bottle of the Genuine is wrapped with a pamphlet printed on paper which has the words "LANMAN & KEMP, NEW YORK" in Water Mark.

Messrs MELOHRS & Co. are our only AGENTS for Sale of the Genuine Florida Water at Hongkong.

LANMAN & KEMP.

New York, July 9, 1878.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANMERT, ATKINSON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on

**THURSDAY,**  
26th September, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at their Auction Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf.

An Invoice of AMERICAN SILVER-PLATED WARE, consisting of: Tea and Coffee Services, Butter Dishes, Cups and Goblets, Card Receivers, Jewel Caskets, Cruet Stands, Pickle Stands, Wine Stands, Epergnes, &c., &c., &c.

An Invoice of AMERICAN LAMP WARE, comprising: Fine Bronze Table Lamps, Brass Hand Lamps, Ship Lamps, Police Lanterns, House Lanterns, Kerosine Burners, &c., &c., &c.

All of the above GOODS are direct from the Manufacturer and are perfectly New and in Good Condition, and the quality of the Plated-ware is Guaranteed. The attention of Storekeepers is particularly called to this opportunity of Purchasing a desirable line of Goods at lowest prices.

TERMS.—Cash before delivery in Bank Notes.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

**FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.**  
The British Steamer "LORNE," Capt. McCULLOCK, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "GLENARTNEY," shortly expected from Singapore, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANGTSE," Commandant RAPATEL, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DE POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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unprofessional thinking quite the thing for such an exposed position. The work is being so carried out that the authorities would do well to make a careful inspection.

We are glad to learn that H. E. the Governor has so far taken notice of the comments made by the *Coroner's* Jury at the inquest last Thursday on the body of a poor woman, who was killed by the falling of a stone from the hill side above Kennedy Road, as to award her relatives, who are very poor, the sum of \$30, to enable them to defray funeral and other expenses consequent upon the unfortunate accident.

Why understand that Mr Kwok Acheong's son is being moved about in a most unaccountable manner. He was for 12 or 13 days at Hoi Quan, then was sent to Nam Hoi, next back again to Hoi Quan, where he remained for a day or two, and by latest advice he is again at Nam Hoi. What can these "shifts" mean?

Another thing has been remarked in connection with this affair, viz., How comes it that Mr Acheong's son is allowed as the registered owner of steamers to fly the British flag, always supposing him to be other than a British subject? This is clearly laid down in the local Ordinances, which specially make provision for certain Chinese using the British flag, and for such purpose enjoying the privileges of a British subject.

Ten cases at the Police Court to-day were of very little interest to our readers. There was one case of attempted larceny of some bank notes from a European seaman, which was dealt with by both Magistrates. The accused being an old offender, was sent to two years' hard labour, the heaviest sentence Magistrates have power to inflict. Another case of larceny from a European was one in which an officer belonging to the Chinese Revenue Cruiser *Peng Chao Hai* was robbed of his watch by a chair-coolie. The watch was found in the coolie's possession by the Police. He proved to be an old offender, and was sent to six months' hard labour, and was ordered to be brought up again, at the expiration of his sentence, and find security to be of good behaviour for twelve months, failing which he will be recommended as a fit person for deportation. His companion was ordered to find two sureties in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

PRIVATE telegrams are in town, which state that the political situation in Europe is threatening concerning Cuba. It was patent to all that the last move of Russia towards our Indian frontier would intensify excite the English people; and if anything would ever unite political parties at home in a common purpose, the overt action of Russia and her attempt to interfere with our hold upon India would do so. Many persons are of opinion that the Bear will never be brought to reason except by force of arms; and though we cannot but hope that Lord Beaconsfield will be uncompromising in his resolve to protect India at all hazards, where she is likely to be attacked, it is much to be desired that war may not arise out of the mere trickery of an unprincipled and petty Asian chief. The message, however, taken with others which have preceded it, is not reassuring news.

The following items are from the *N. O. D. News*:

A "secular prediction" is creating some anxiety in the native mind in the North. It is to the effect that in two years' time the present Emperor will die, that the powerful subject will usurp the supreme power and sit on the Throne for six months. At the end of this period the foreigners will be driven out, but what is to follow their expulsion the prophet does not tell us.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr C. R. Tinscher, who was well known in Europe, Australia, and North China, as an untiring and discriminating traveller and collector of curios. The deceased only landed in Shanghai on Wednesday last, after an absence of a year and a half, apparently in the best of health, and was warmly welcomed by a large circle of friends. He was a man of considerable literary attainments, and possessed remarkable skill in rhyming. His genial, kindly disposition won for him many friends, and his funeral yesterday (Sept. 17th) was numerously attended.

#### Police Intelligence.

24th September, 1878.  
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

##### LARCENY.

Cheung Ann, a hawker and old offender, was sent to two years' hard labour for picking the pocket of a seaman named Christopher Applegate, and endeavouring to steal from him some bank notes.

##### TO-DAY'S FINE.

Wong Ah, hawking tripe in the public streets contrary to Market Ordinance. Fined 25 cents.

Cheung Ah, a chair coolie, assaulting Cheung Ah, a coolie. Fined 42.

Leung Ah, fisherman, unlawful possession of one bucket and one bale. Fined 98.

Chan Ah, and four others, fighting. Ordered to find security in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

Lee Ah, the wife of Lam Ah, assault. Ordered to find security in \$10 to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
(Before His Honor Mr Justice Russell.)  
24th September, 1878.

Yip Kut Shun and another, v. Ohah U-ka and others, \$350; Ohah U-ka and others v. Yip Kut Shun and another, \$350.11. There were cross-actions arising out of a transaction in tea. The plaintiffs in the first case claimed to recover a sum of Tls. 200 and \$50 bargain money, paid on account of a quantity of tea which they had agreed to purchase, but which they now refused to accept on the grounds of its not being in accordance with sample. They further sought to recover \$50 for breach of contract. Ohah U-ka and others, on the other hand, denied that the tea was other than that agreed to be sold, but admitted that it was not the same as the samples produced. This they accounted for by saying that the samples were false and not the same as they had supplied. They called evidence to prove this, and said they were still prepared to deliver the tea, and claimed the sum of \$350.11, being balance of amount due.

This case has been before the Court for some time, and His Lordship to-day delivered judgment in favor of Ohah U-ka for the amount claimed (\$350.11), with costs. Mr Ng Ahoy appeared for Ohah U-ka, and Mr Dennis for Yip Kut Shun.

Soares v. Barrow, \$10.—Plaintiff is the proprietor of the Oriental Dispensary, Stanley Street, and defendant is an assistant at Messrs Sayle & Co.'s Queen's Road Central. Plaintiff claims \$10, being balance of amount due for drugs &c. supplied. Defendant did not appear, and judgment went by default.

Humphreys v. de Lille, \$63.08.—Plaintiff is the proprietor of the Hongkong Dispensary, and defendant was a member of the Royal English Opera Company. Mr Maynard appeared to prove the debt, which was for drugs, &c., supplied; part of it being an old debt and part contracted recently. Defendant did not appear, being absent at Whampoa, and service of summons having been proved, judgment went by default.

Theremin v. de Lille, \$42.25.—This was a claim against the same defendant as in the previous case. Plaintiff is a wine and spirit merchant carrying on business in the Queen's Road Central. The claim was for goods supplied, and service of summons having been proved, judgment went by default.

#### China.

(Gazette.)

There has been a serious clan fight in the Tung-wa district, with several killed and many wounded on both sides. The Magistrate of the district hurried to the spot to soothe the angry passions of the combatants and restore peace; but receiving a blow on the head from a well-directed brickbat, hurried off again with his retinue in an opposite direction.

A very sensible shock of earthquake oscillating from the North occurred last evening (Sept. 18th), about 10.45, and it was felt both here and in Koolang.

The barometer continues to fall and may now (Sept. 19th) be called 29.50, which is as low a glass as is often experienced in Amoy.

The German barque *Carl Wilhelm* anchored yesterday (Sept. 18th) off the Telegraph station about one mile from Kulangsu. When the anchor was being lifted at 4 p.m. previous to the barque going into the harbor it was found that the anchor had gripped the Telegraph cable. By great efforts from the officers and crew, the cable was lifted to the surface of the water, a rope slipped round it, the anchor cleared and the cable again dropped unharmed into the sea. Yesterday morning it was discovered by the Telegraph officers that the cable had been subjected to a serious strain and it was found necessary to make some certain arrangements in order to relieve it. We understand that the Captain of the *Carl Wilhelm* courteously offered to assist with the necessary ropes and tackles and that no ill effects are anticipated to result from this accident.

It appears that a typhoon was raging in the vicinity of Shanghai yesterday afternoon (Sept. 19th), which fact accounts for the depression in the barometer here. The glass is fast rising again.

Last Freight Settlements:—*Alexandra*, 10,000 piculs, Newchwang and back, 30 lay days, 25 cents per picul.

*Henric Isen*, 6,800 piculs, from Takao to Yokohama and back to Amoy, 26 lay days, \$1,650.

*Oceanus*, 5,200 piculs, from Takao to Yokohama, private terms.

*Peter*, 6,800 piculs, hence to Tientsin and back, via Newchwang, 30 lay days, \$2,760.

*Koror*, 8,000 piculs, from Newchwang to Amoy, 25 lay days, 25 cents per picul.

*Ono*, 5,200 piculs, Foochow to Newchwang and back to Amoy, 28 lay days, \$1,500.

*Empress*, 10,000 piculs, Newchwang and back, (21st Oct. to commence) 30 lay days, \$2,500.

*Harmonie*, 8,000 piculs, Foochow to Newchwang and back to Amoy, 28 lay days, \$1,600 or Foochow direct to Amoy, 20 lay days, \$7,800.

*E. v. Beaulieu*, 7,800 piculs, monthly charter 3 months, at \$300, and further 4 to 7 months at \$328, Chefoo commencing.

*Maid Marion*, 5,000 piculs, Higo to Amoy, 18 cents; or if Yokohama to Amoy, 20 lay days, 10 cents.

*August*, 7,000 piculs, to Newchwang and back to Amoy, 28 cents, or Amoy 25 lay days, 25 cents, (21st Oct. commencing.)

*Candace*, 8,200 piculs, Newchwang to Amoy, (28th Oct. commencing) 28 lay days, \$1,400.

*Thorkild*, 4,000 piculs, Newchwang to Amoy, (21st Oct. commencing) 20 lay days, \$1,040, after completion of Nagasaki Newchwang charter.)

*Chingtoo*, 8,000 piculs, Newchwang and back, 28 lay days, 27 cents per picul.

#### FAKUL.

19th September 1878.

A very heavy thunder squall passed over here on the 19th instant. Two chair-bearers carrying a chair were struck down by the lightning and seriously wounded. The lightning is still prevailing here, and a great many animals and poultry die from the heat every day. It is curious to see them jumping into the air and falling down dead.

The Tientsin Tactel arrived in Keelung on the 18th instant and it is presumed that he intends to stay there for some time. The Chinese gun-boat *Yue-Tsun* left this

port on the 9th instant with troops for the East coast, and more reinforcements are to be sent thither. It is said that they have been fighting very hard and that the commander was wounded.

The Chinese gun-boat *Ching Wei* left for the same place with 200 casks of gunpowder.

We have at present very heavy rain and a freshet in the river, wood and trees are floating out to sea. The *Hai Loong* is just leaving the port.

4th September.

The departure of the *Hai Loong* was postponed until to-day in consequence of the heavy rain and freshet. She had to keep up steaming for the last three days.

We have had at the average 6 inches in 24 hours.

The heavy rain will be of great benefit to the Island, as it required a good cleaning out.

The German vessels *China* and *Diana*, hourly expected here, have not yet arrived.

—Amoy Gazette.

#### SHANGHAI.

(News.)

It was rumoured yesterday (Sept. 18th) that Mr Tong-king-sing's connection with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company had permanently ceased, and that Mr Mo, the present Chairman of Shanghai, had been selected to take charge of the management, but some difficulty existed as to his taking over the accounts.

The Municipal Council at their meeting held on the 9th inst., granted leave of absence to Dr Henderson, and appointed Dr Macleod to act in his place as Health Officer and Municipal surgeon and Dr Zacharias as surgeon of the Look Hospital.

(Courier.)

Mr Grover, chief officer of the C. M. Co.'s steamer *Lee-yun*, died suddenly this morning (Sept. 18th). All the Company's steamers in port have had their flags half-mast.

We learn from reliable sources that the rumour stating that Mr Tong-king-sing is no longer connected with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, is entirely groundless. The fact is that the late Chu Tactel who was one of the Managers of the Company, and who was also the Tribute Vice Commissioner at Tientsin, died on the 1st June last, and Yeh Tactel, the ex-Magistrate of Shanghai, and not Mr Mo, the present incumbent, as stated by our morning contemporary, has been appointed to fill the place of Manager of the Company and Tribute Vice Commissioner. Yeh Tactel entered on his duties nearly a month ago. The statement regarding a difficulty with the accounts is equally without foundation.

#### NINGPO.

Sep. 16th.

Our correspondent writes that, so far, no fresh developments in the Ningpo *lekin* question have occurred. An old and deceitful official called Liang, formerly acting Tactel here, has been sent to this city with instructions from the Governor to take certain action. What it is difficult to ascertain, as he is very reticent. It is very generally supposed, however, that he intends to re-establish the *lekin* offices that have been pulled down, and place the duties on the old scale, reverting in fact the Tactel's decision, and restoring the impost against which the people strove. It remains to be seen whether he will be able to do so, and if he does, whether the Pungwa men will submit tamely. Five hundred troops have passed through Ningpo on their way to T'ai-chow, the scene of still more recent riots.

Another correspondent, also writing on the 16th instant, says there seems to be a most ominous silence here as to *lekin*. The official station to open the stations again, and the Pungwa and neighbouring men are equally determined to resist any attempts to do so, and openly say the next time they are compelled to come down, it will be a very serious affair for Ningpo. It is most desirable for the welfare of the place that the officials will leave well alone. To attempt to re-establish the *lekin* stations would be a most imprudent move on their part. There are various rumours about the Futai. He is said to be in Ningpo, but if so, he must have come in very quietly, for it is generally known that he is here. One rumour has it, that he is ordering soldiers to guard the *lekin* stations when reopened, and that he intends to carry out by force the *lekin* loaves as they were before being remonstrated against by the people. Experience teaches us what such a movement would result in. We are by no means quiet here. Far from it. Trade, everything, is in a most unsettled state, and will continue so unless the officials can be made to take their "legal" pickings only, and leave the execution of the illegal tax called *lekin* alone. Campo is swarming with *lekin* pickers, and trade, even in this little spot, is almost at a standstill. We are but a little better off than we were a fortnight ago, so far as security of peace is concerned. We know not from how long when the impending storm will burst—but we do know that the people in our surrounding neighbourhood are to a man determined to resist the re-imposition of *lekin*, and if soldiers are brought against them to force the re-imposition of the tax, there will be still more serious trouble—so serious in fact that residents do not like to anticipate it. Matters have a coldness about them now, which shows that the people are coolly calculating and thinking before they take the final step but when once taken, 10,000 of the Futai's soldiers will not put down the rising. It is very evident the people mean to defend their rights, and *lekin* must go to the wall. It cannot write more fully now, because I am waiting for a further development of the Futai's plans. Since writing the above, I hear that the Futai talks about reopening the *lekin* stations on the 18th or 19th. If he does, the fun will then begin—it will be the last straw. I will keep you informed as to what goes on.—N. O. D. News.

#### TEKING.

8th September, 1878.

We are now in the "season morte"; nearly all our diplomats have left us, and we were for a few days in a terrible provisional state; our interests—by which I mean all the foreign interests—having been under the guardianship of Charges d'Affaires. But indications of the approaching "business season" have begun to manifest themselves. The indefatigable Don Euzen, the Minister for Spain, has returned from his "broiling" trip to Spain, with, I hear, costly presents from the King of that country for the young Prince, El Marquis Mercedes, who also is no longer among the living. Of our friends, he also brought with him the "Challalooch" of the "insigne of the Grand Order" of the "Siamese Order." He anxiously awaits the return of the *lekin* mentioned

called Cuban Convention, and will go after the exchange of ratifications, on a well-earned leave. No doubt we shall miss him; "le chevalier sans peur et sans reproche," during the winter, when our life—be it gay or busy—flourishes in this region.

Vicente Bruler has returned from his trip to Chefoo and Shanghai, where he distributed the long pending indemnity connected with your "Ningpo-Joss-house Affair." Even his colleagues were greatly surprised at the final settlement of this question, and I can assure you that his success was entirely owing to his happy temper. I should presume that many of your co-residents in the French settlement of Shanghai were also pleased with the results, which, in this instance, were of an unusually satisfactory character.

We have a new arrival here in the Peruvian Minister, Don Dr. Elmore, whose diplomatic task is a most difficult one. The "Peruvian" affair is sufficiently well known to foreign residents in China. On whose side right is, it is very difficult now to decide; suffice it to say, that Dr. Elmore tried on his way up to settle the question direct with Li Hung-chang in Tientsin, who was one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries that negotiated the Peruvian Treaty. Direct negotiations with Li Hung-chang would, no doubt, have been the most effective and practical way, but that functionary referred the Minister to Peking; and so Dr. Elmore will have to settle with the "Tungli-Yamen" in what sense the word "Tungli-Yamen" in the Peruvian Treaty is to be taken "voluntary," as he interprets it, or "free," as the Chinese determine it. Meanwhile the Peruvia has sailed from Hongkong for Peru without coals, and perhaps another steamer of the Peruvian Chinese Line will leave also without any; but the end will be that during the winter a *modus vivendi* in this question will be found between Dr. Elmore and the "Tungli-Yamen," by which some kind of emigration of Chinese to Peru will be permitted. Dr. Elmore will, perhaps, find some, though unwilling, support in Don Espana, owing to the present position of political affairs between Spain and Peru; but the interests of these two countries in China are nearly identical, and what has happened to-day to the one might happen to-morrow to the other.

The Charges d'Affaires of the other Legations are without any heavy burdens, or, if you prefer it, with perhaps heavy burdens, but no occupation—"full leisure and full anxiety."

The Russians do not know what to make of Chung-how's Mission, which the Chinese give out as being of the greatest importance. Taking the facts, I think Russia was the least ambitious of the Powers to have a Representative of the Middle Kingdom at her Court. She has always found it the most suitable for her purposes to deal with the Chinese Government only in Peking. A quite different view of the matter, however, has suddenly dawned upon the latter, who now regards the Mission at St. Petersburg as its most important one. China deferred the nomination of the Mission until the departure of H. E. Mr. Butzow on leave. How astonished and perplexed His Excellency must have been when the news reached him at St. Petersburg of the appointment of Chung-how. The Chinese Government was very careful in the choice of its representative. It sends no minor or great man, but Chung Hw himself, who understood so well how to make matters smooth at Paris after the Tientsin massacre. He wears the decoration of the Imperial "red girdle," and is a Manchou.

It is lost to China unless she pays to the unwelcome guests, her Russian friends, the unknown amount of teas they demand for having occupied, pacified, and kept it so many years for her. Russia displays in China the same disinterested friendship she has shown to poor Turkey. But this is not all. While Tiao-tung tang is pursuing his victorious campaign, and trying to recover the conquered dominions of Kianghi, he is suddenly checked in his career by General Kaufmann, the Governor-General of the Russian province of Eastern Turkestan, with "stop, no further." Khotan and Yarkand are not to be Chinese, says Russia, whose new policy is now based upon the view that the way to India leads by the last two named places, and not through Afghanistan. It is, therefore, nothing strange that an Imperial Decree of the 21st day, 7th moon 4th year of Kuang-hsi should have been issued, by which "Our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Russia, Chung Hw, decorated with the two-eyed peacock feather and bearing the insignia of the first rank, junior Guardian of the Hair Apparent," etc., received in his capacity as the Representative of China at St. Petersburg the title of "Ch'uan, Ch'uan-tan-ta-ch'en," which confers full extraordinary powers or the rank of Ambassador.

I do not know what importance foreigners attach to this mission, but I assure you the Chinese consider it a very grand affair, and Chung-how who accepted the task and responsibility is praised as one of the most patriotic men of the country.

The German Charge d'Affaires enjoys life as best as can during this monotonous German-Chinese relations is at Berlin since Mr von Brandt went home. Liu Hsiung, the Chinese Minister in Germany, not being considered a minister for Mr Brandt in Berlin has been recalled, and the Ex-patent Tactel Li Fung-pai, hitherto First Secretary to the Chinese Legation in London, has been transferred as Charge d'Affaires to Berlin. We should not be surprised to hear more serious news from that quarter than that contained in the telegrams we have already received. German seems to be determined to carry the point, and I have reason to believe is supported by other Powers, who would even aid her, should it come to a campaign. Remember these are only suppositions, but I have reason to believe so; and will write you more about it as soon as I learn something more definite.

Anyhow, the negotiations at Berlin cannot have, thus far, taken a very grave turn, or we should have heard of their termination, and consequent departure of His Excellency Li Hsiung.

What you reported as a rumour is a fact. By Imperial Decree of the 27th May, 7th moon 4th year, Tsching Chih tsch, Marquis S-yang, has been appointed Minister for China to England and France. And Liang tsch has, by the same Decree, been recalled. Finally, I have to report the addition of two new Ministers to the Tungli-yamen, viz. Wang Wen-shao, first vice-president of the Board of Rites, and Chow-chia mah, Prefect of Shun-T'ien fu (Department of Peking), and Kih-shie to Secretary in the Tungli-yamen.

disputary is a sign of the stability of the Tungli-yamen, in which regular promotion takes place.

As I have just received news received by me while writing this letter, I may mention that the Tungli-yamen has sanctioned the "Chinese Government Loan of 1878," or, as the Chinese officials call it, the "Cheung-kiang loan." I would scarcely believe it, were not my informant as trustworthy as he is. He tells me—what may perhaps be unknown to you—that the negotiators have prolonged the term for issuing the Loan and receiving the Bonds till towards the end of October, but that both parties arranged at the same time to "not execute the agreement." This, I suppose, to be explained in this way, that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank got annoyed at the criticisms on their transaction of this business, and that they think it best to withdraw altogether. On the other side, the Chinese negotiator became, perhaps, alarmed at forfeiting the 75,000 Taels, then that it should come to the knowledge of the high authorities at Peking how he arranged the matter. No doubt the affair has shaken the financial credit of the country; and the mode of settling it now adopted is, the sanction of the Loan made with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, but not executing it. The Chinese negotiator has only to execute that part of the loan which he transacted in Ningpo for two million taels, and called the "Cheung-kiang loan."

But will these two millions suffice for Tiao Tsung tang, especially now, when affairs in the West at the Kokonor have assumed such a threatening aspect?

General Kaufmann has not only protested against, but threatens to resist by force any occupation of Yarkand by the Chinese. This is the reason why Chung-how suddenly hurries his departure for St. Petersburg; he will leave us in about a fortnight, and will take the route, not via Siberia as was formerly contemplated, but by the safest and quickest line via Shanghai per mail steamer.—Shanghai Courier.

#### MARIO AT HOME.

If you drop in at Mario's any evening on your way from the opera, you are pretty sure to see a group of Italian *jeuneurs* round one of the small tables, generally a corner one. They are carrying on an animated conversation. Though you are out of earshot, you can easily divine that many good things are being said. There is the distant sparkle of life and high spirits about them all; but there is one who in appearance forms a striking contrast to the others. If you were to judge from his bright clear eye and fresh complexion, you would think him the youngest of the group; but his well-kept moustache and beard and hair are as white as frosted silver. He came in half an hour ago to eat his supper, and he has collected a little group around him, some seated, some standing. Others, as they finish their meal, go across the room to salute him, and join the conversation for a few minutes. Many of the newcomers linger there until they are served. You are curious to know who this hero of Mario's can be. You have seen him of after years ago, but you can scarcely be expected to recognize his snowy locks and beard. He is Mario, Marchese di Candia in the Kingdom of Italy, and prince of tenors in the realms of Ulio and Euterpe. It is not wonderful if the stranger jumps to the conclusion that the light-hearted, well-dressed Mario be well off. The truth is, that Mario disdains to betray the appearance of poverty, just as, when a refugee in Paris 40 years ago, the pride which caused him to refuse the offered assistance he saw no probability of being able to repay, made him turn his talents to account before the foot-lights.

Mario lives in the Corso, not far from the Piazza del Popolo. If you call upon him between the months of May and November, he will receive you in a spacious suite of rooms, a series of salons, elegantly, if not luxuriously furnished. The walls are covered with paintings, chiefly portraits of his family—his father, his mother, his children, Grisi. There are busts in marble and in bronze of Grisi and of his children. But why describe the appearance of rooms which are as much things of the past as all those thousands he made, but did not know how to take care of. Mario is little more than a lodger where he once lived. During the winter months, *forster* abide there, and will continue to abide until his lease is out, and he is able to get rid of what seldom does more than make both ends meet with his landlord, and sometimes not even that. He took the house years ago, when rents had risen to fabulous prices, and cunning landlords would only let on long leases. He must keep it on or let it for half its price. When he was obliged to admit the stranger within his walls, he took all his Lanes down into three little rooms—on the *entresol*, and a fourth on the ground floor. Into these you must penetrate—if you can—to find out what manner of man Mario is. You might have been acquainted with him for twenty years, living in a handsome apartment, with plenty of money in his pocket, and still have failed to discover the full extent of his attainments, his intellectual needs and strivings, and how little more than a part of the mechanical formation of the man was the voice which made him famous. If you went by chance into the rooms he now occupies, not knowing who lived in them, you would be puzzled to make out whether the inhabitant was a student, a sculptor, a painter, a musician, a cabinet-maker, a wood-carver, or an archaeologist; or whether indeed you had not been translated into Don Quixote's sanctorum. Take the middle room, it is about 19 feet square. A table and a chair placed sideways by it stand in the centre—an old battered armchair with high back, the only available seat in the room. There are books everywhere. These that lie open on the table treat of the forgotten languages, Etruscan especially. For the rest, one notices a box with well-used color tubes and brushes, some palettes, a number of bottles of varnishes and pigments, gilders, screw-drivers, modeling tools, notes of invitation, visitors' cards and cigar boxes. Around the apartment, heaped up on the floor, against the walls, on some plain deal shelves, upon a chest of drawers, are filled, all of them, with autographs, are hundreds of dusty volumes, portfolios of prints and drawings, and pieces of old armor. On the walls are hanging plaster-casts of hands and feet from the life, sketches in oil and water colors, tobacco pipes, and all kinds of arms—not stage properties, those and his costumes he parted with long ago. In one corner there is a modeling stool, with a little bust in progress on it, and behind it stand some lances and long bows. The little bed in a corner is overlaid with portulaca, and sometimes he

has to toss the mattress over to find the prints which he wants lying beneath it. The room on the ground floor, to which you descend by a little dark staircase barely three feet wide, is the workshop where Mario does his cabinet-making and carving—where he converts some old wooden fluted columns into a mantelpiece reaching up to the ceiling, for one of the rooms in the *piano nobile* above, produces a handsome piece of furniture out of some early renaissance carved and gilt console, or makes anything else he wants from plain book shelves to the pretty carved letter box on the inside of the workshop door which opens on the side of the entrance hall from the street.—World.

A REPORTING MACHINE.—In the Italian section of the Paris Exhibition it is to be seen a strange instrument, the invention of Signor Michela. It is not larger than a lady's work-box. There is a small keyboard, like that of a diminutive piano, and a reel of paper. A girl, who is entirely ignorant of stenography, sits at the little machine, and "plays" a speech three hours long. She then reads it as quickly as one can speak. In fifteen days, without previous knowledge or practice, proficiency may be acquired in the working of the apparatus.—*San Times*.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 24, 1878.  
OPIMUM—New Patna, cash...\$600 a 602½ credit, —  
" Old Patna, cash...\$70 a 572½ credit, —  
" New Benares, cash...None credit, —  
" Old Benares, cash...\$40 a 542½ credit, —  
" New Malwa, cash...775 credit, 750  
" Allowance Tels, 8 a 24  
" Old Malwa, cash...— credit, —  
" Allowance Tels, —

#### Exchange.

Bank on demand, ... 3/8½  
" 30 days sight, ... 3/8½  
" 6 months sight, ... 3/8½  
Credits, ... 3/8½  
Documentary, 6 months sight, 3/8½  
Bombay demand Rupees, 238  
Calcutta, ... 238  
Shanghai, demand, ... 72½  
" 80 days, ... 72½  
English Sovereigns, ... 5.54  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.54  
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 3, ... 109½  
Sycee, ... 8 7/8  
Mexicans, ... 1 1/4 % counted.  
Gold Leaf, ... 27.10  
Discount, ... 8 to 9 p. c.

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 78 p. prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,700  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,550  
Yankee Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$345  
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,230  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$950  
China-Marine Ins. Co., \$242  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$29 p. prem.  
H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$13 7/8 p. prem.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 20  
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 104  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$97½  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$162  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104  
Do. of 1877, £105

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 24, 1878.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.070  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.970  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.983  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 86  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 86  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 86  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 75  
Do. 1 P.M. 75  
Do. 4 P.M. 75  
Do. Maximum ... 87  
Do. Minimum over night 80

#### Shipping Intelligence.

The following corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

#### VESSELS TO ARRIVE



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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
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SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
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ON SATURDAY, the 28th September,  
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and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.  
Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 27th September, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
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Company's Office.  
H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, September 17, 1878. cc28

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on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan,  
the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 30th September. PARCEL  
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, September 11, 1878. cc1



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Hongkong, September 23, 1878. cc10

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Hongkong, September 20, 1878. cc18

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Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BOWBORE, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets ..... \$81,700,000  
Surplus ..... \$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
above Company, are prepared to Accept  
Bills at greatly reduced rates and upon  
terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars,  
apply to  
OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

## Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.  
CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up ..... £120,000  
PREMIUM RESERVE FUND ..... 250,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ..... 100,000  
Total Capital and Accumulations ..... £470,000  
Hence this date, ..... £12,754,000

Directors:  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. P. EVANS, Esq., O. LUGAN, Esq.,  
O. KERR, Esq., Wm. MACKENZIE, Esq.,  
Secretaries:  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.  
London Bankers:  
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.  
Agencies in:  
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the World, at current  
rates.  
Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 % for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS  
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be  
annually distributed among all Contribu-  
tors of Business in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878. cc1

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

KORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—  
Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 30 % allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Siam, and Penang.

Bills accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

SO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAN B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusively of late Arrivals and Departures reported today.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Paddy's Wharf.  
6. From Paddy's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tonn.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Bombay	2 b	Brit.	str.	749	Feb.	13	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai
Chinkiang	4 c	Brit.	str.	799	Sept.	20	Stemmen & Co.	Bangkok
Danube	4 c	Brit.	str.	564	Sept.	17	Yuen Fat Hong	Coast Ports
Douglas	5 b	Brit.	str.	884	Sept.	24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Tug Flying
Fame	6 b	Brit.	str.	117	Sept.	16	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Yama & S. F. de la 1st proc.
Fatchoy	6 b	Brit.	str.	153	Sept.	16	G. McRae	London & Amoy
Gaelic	5 c	Brit.	str.	1719	Sept.	16	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Amoy and Tamsui
Glaucus	5 c	Brit.	str.	1647	Sept.	20	Butterfield & Swire	Sapore and Penang
Hailong	5 b	Brit.	str.	277	Sept.	21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama
Kienchow	2 b	Brit.	str.	1035	Sept.	2	Kwok Acheong	Coast Ports
Lorne	4 c	Brit.	str.	1044	Sept.	17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow
Malacca	5 c	Brit.	str.	1044	Sept.	17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Saloon
Mayenne	3 b	Brit.	str.	862	Sept.	21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Saloon
Namoa	5 b	Brit.	str.	606	Sept.	21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Saloon
Norna	3 b	Brit.	str.	783	Sept.	22	Kwok Acheong	Saloon
Olympia	2 b	Brit.	str.	1016	Sept.	6	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Saloon
Perin	5 c	Brit.	str.	643	Sept.	22	Melchers & Co.	Saloon
Pernambuco	4 c	Brit.	str.	874	Sept.	17	Soy Shing	Saloon
Quinta	4 c	Brit.	str.	874	Sept.	17	Soy Shing	Saloon
Sea Gull	8 b	Brit.	str.	46	July	19	W. H. Ray	Saloon
Sailing Vessels.								
Ada	2 c	Brit.	bge.	563	Sept.	13	Meyer & Co.	Wanchai Pier
Ada Russell	3 c	Brit.	bge.	732	July	15	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Alcazar	2 c	Brit.	bge.	838	Sept.	11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Aldobran	3 c	Brit.	bge.	398	Aug.	30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Annie Burr	3 c	Brit.	bge.	650	Sept.	24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	New York
Arctide	3 c	Brit.	bge.	389	Sept.	4	Carlowitz & Co.	New York
Athene	3 c	Brit.	bge.	605	July	15	Olyphant & Co.	New York
Banlan	4 c	Brit.	bge.	760	Sept.	15	Melchers & Co.	New York
Benafactor	4 c	Brit.	bge.	596	Aug.	2	Russell & Co.	New York
Borneo	4 c	Brit.	bge.	736	Sept.	11	Meyer & Co.	New York
Brema	4 c	Brit.	bge.	380	Sept.	8	Wilder & Co.	New York
Brunette	2 c	Brit.	bge.	874	Sept.	12	Jeo. R. Stevens & Co.	New York
Canton	1 c	Brit.	bge.	779	Sept.	18	Chinese	New York
Challenge	2 c	Brit.	bge.	599	Sept.	16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	New York
Charles Mouton	2 c	Brit.	bge.	365	Sept.	11	Landstam & Co.	New York
Charlotte Andrews	3 c	Brit.	bge.	356	June	19	Rosario & Co.	New York
Clivale	3 c	Brit.	bge.	379	Sept.	11	Stemmen & Co.	New York
Coeran	2 c	Brit.	bge.	188	July	18	W. H. Ray	New York
Compo	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1229	Sept.	1	P. & O. S. N. Co.	New York
Dartmouth	2 c	Brit.	bge.	915	Aug.	6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Dharwar	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1300	Aug.	17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	New York
Dirigo	2 c	Brit.	bge.	624	July	14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Don Quixote	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1128	Sept.	24	Managers Maritimes	New York
Emilio V.	2 c	Brit.	bge.	724	Sept.	8	D. M. M. & Co.	New York
Esperance	2 c	Brit.	bge.	372	Sept.	10	Carlowitz & Co.	New York
Formosa	2 c	Brit.	bge.	222	Sept.	15	Melchers & Co.	New York
Fortune	2 c	Brit.	bge.	450	Sept.	24	O. & O. S. S. Co.	New York
Fuller	2 c	Brit.	bge.	404	Sept.	18	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	New York
George Sheldfield	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1818	Sept.	17	Russell & Co.	New York
Glamis	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1120	Sept.	11	Chinese	New York
Golah	2 c	Brit.	bge.	849	July	11	Chinese	New York
Hamburg	2 c	Brit.	bge.	347	Sept.	18	Edward Schellham & Co.	New York
Hercules	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1400	Sept.	19	Fardina, Matheson & Co.	New York
Highlander	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1353	June	19	Captain	New York
Imperatrice Elizabeth	2 c	Brit.	bge.	622	Sept.	3	Rosario & Co.	New York
Indra	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1626	Sept.	20	D. M. M. & Co.	New York
Iphigonia	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1204	Sept.	24	Order	New York
Japan	2 c	Brit.	bge.	464	Sept.	9	Wilder & Co.	New York
John Potts	2 c	Brit.	bge.	270	Sept.	10	Meyer & Co.	New York
Julian	2 c	Brit.	bge.	378	Sept.	16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Julius Dabura	2 c	Brit.	bge.	490	Sept.	18	Captain	New York
Juliane	2 c	Brit.	bge.	127	Sept.	23	Wm. Furtau & Co.	New York
Kate Waters	2 c	Brit.	bge.	580	Sept.	22	Remedios & Co.	New York
Kim Yong Tye	2 c	Brit.	bge.	329	Sept.	18	Tack Mee	New York
Korcor	2 c	Brit.	bge.	317	Sept.	9	Meyer & Co.	New York
Leopadia	2 c	Brit.	bge.	395	Sept.	19	Stemmen & Co.	New York
Lizzie Perry	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1122	Aug.	26	Russell & Co.	New York
Lottie Moore	2 c	Brit.	bge.	880	July	22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Louis Eugene	2 c	Brit.	bge.	438	Sept.	15	Carlowitz & Co.	New York
Mary Fraser	2 c	Brit.	bge.	1174	Aug.	11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York